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WEATHER



TODAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 71, Low: 54



TOMORROW
Rain
High: 68, Low: 53



ON THE ROAD again

Charles Gibson and the ABC News crew to broadcast from the University

GIBSON'S BGSU AGENDA

6 p.m.

ABC World News live broadcast from the University

9 p.m.

Presidential debate coverage can be viewed live in the Union's Lenhart Grand Ballroom

10:30 p.m.

National broadcast of BGSU student reactions hosted by Charles Gibson

By Andy Ouriel
Reporter

Bowling Green might be unfamiliar to the American public, but ABC News will make the town known to the millions that tune into the program nightly.

ABC News will put Bowling Green in the spotlight for one night when "World News with Charles Gibson" broadcasts live from the west side of University Hall tonight at 6 p.m.

Bowling Green is the fourth city ABC News and Gibson chose to be a part of their series, "Great American Battleground Bus Tour." ABC News chose seven cities in closely contested states where they predict voters could be swayed to one candidate or another. This tour is part of ABC News teaming with USA Today's "50 States in 50 Days" initiative.

"These are key states that are going to make a difference in this election," ABC News Senior

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Stocks continue to plummet despite bailout

By Joe Bel Bruno and Tim Paradis
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street joined in a worldwide cascade of despair yesterday over the financial crisis, driving the Dow Jones industrials to their biggest loss ever during a trading day. Even a big afternoon rally failed to keep the Dow from its first close below 10,000 since 2004.

The sell-off came despite the \$700 billion U.S. government bailout package, which

was signed into law Friday after two weeks in which traders had appeared to count on the rescue as their only hope to avoid a market meltdown.

At its worst point, the Dow was down more than 800 points, an intraday record. The stock market rallied during the final 90 minutes of the trading day, and the Dow finished down about 370 points at 9,955.50.

Speculation among traders late in the session that the mar-

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Bush pushes Senate to confirm federal judges

By Jennifer Loven
The Associated Press



AL BEHRMAN | AP PHOTO

HITTIN' UP OHIO: President Bush spoke at a legal conference in Cincinnati yesterday, remarking on topics ranging from his appointment of judges to the economy's current financial crisis.

CINCINNATI — President Bush reminded Americans yesterday that his eight years of appointing conservative judges will affect the nation for decades, hoping to secure his legacy but also help fire up Republicans in must-win Ohio a month before the presidential election.

Bush said he has appointed more than one-third of all sitting federal judges, and that "few issues are more hotly debated or have a more lasting impact on our country."

With his historically low poll ratings, Bush isn't exactly

welcome at campaign rallies, appearing at the side of candidates. So indirect help like his speech here, and his fundraising efforts that landed the GOP \$2.5 million over the last four days, are his strongest campaign tools. All of the fundraisers were held out of the view of the press and the public.

He called on the Democratic-run Senate, in the final days of his presidency, to vote on filling 34 vacancies in the federal circuit and district courts. Realistically, there is no chance of that happening if Democratic presidential candidate Barack

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Council plans for winter

Mayor Quinn thanks students, ODOT to conserve salt

By Courtney Flynn
Reporter

The University was recognized by Mayor John Quinn at last night's city council meeting.

Quinn presented a certificate in honor of students at the University who participated in the Welcome Bag Day.

Off-campus students received University and city related items for Welcome Bag Day earlier this semester. Quinn said he hopes the union between students and the Bowling Green community can continue in the future.

Quinn also said the fact that Bowling Green was selected by ABC for political news coverage shows how the community, campus and state are seen as a mini-battle ground.

Another issue Quinn addressed was the increased rate of rental vacancies.

Last year Bowling Green had a 9.2 percent vacancy rate on

rentals. This year it has increased to 12.3 percent.

Aside from Quinn bringing attention to the side effects of the economy, Municipal Administrator John Fawcett discussed an economic concern for the winter.

The concern: road salt. Unlike other communities in the area, Bowling Green was lucky enough to receive a bid for the winter, Fawcett said.

The bid for this winter's road salt will be a little different than last year's however.

The bid included a 52 percent price increase, rising to \$65.17 per tenth of a ton. Since the city received such a good bid, they must buy 750 tons of salt by Dec. 15.

The city is only guaranteed 1,500 tons at that price, and if more is needed Fawcett said he is unsure where it will come from.

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Refund checks should be used for educational purposes

By Dru Sexton
Reporter

Perhaps many students on-campus have seen the mile long line of classmates, coiled around the first floor of the Administration building at the beginning of each semester, anxiously awaiting their refund checks.

"Refund checks are excess funds from federal, state institutional and external aid," said Greg Guzman, acting director of Student Financial Aid.

Refund checks are to be used for any educational related expense, Guzman said.

Educational expenses include tuition and fees, transportation like gasoline or a vehicle to commute, health expenses and any expense that goes along with living.

"Each piece of financial aid has its own definition of how it can be used," said Guzman.

For example, the Ohio College Opportunity Grant money cannot be returned to the student, Guzman said. It is not in the form of a refund check, instead it's tuition specific.

He said, on the other hand a Federal Pell Grant can be returned to the student in the form of a refund check.

"I use my refund check to help pay for school expenses like books and also to pay for basic living expenses like rent, food and utilities," said Michael Loudin, a junior.

"Students should know that their refund checks are not free money."

Kevin Hendrickson | Senior

Whatever I do not spend I save for the following semester, and then at the end of the year any extra goes back to the lender I borrow from, Loudin added.

"Students should know that their refund checks are not free money. You still have to pay it back [to lenders] when you graduate," said senior Kevin Hendrickson.

Whatever the case, those people who do get refund checks know they have to spend the money wisely, Hendrickson said.

"Refund checks are not a free for

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CORRECTION

September police blotter mistakenly rerun

The police blotter incidents that appeared in yesterday's issue of The BG News did not occur over the weekend. They were incidents that were originally printed in the Sept. 3, 2008, issue of The BG News and were mistakenly rerun yesterday.

BLOTTER

FRIDAY

4:48 A.M.

Complainant reported his laptop stolen in Offenauer West.

10:09 A.M.

Complainant reported his laptop stolen from McDonald West.

11:24 P.M.

An argument was reported between a male student and a female between Founders and McFall. Police took statements from both and they were separated for the night.

SATURDAY

12:57 A.M.

A student was transported to Wood County Hospital after police found him with bruises all over his body lying on the ground.

9:46 A.M.

A water leak was reported in the Physical Science building. Several members of the chemistry department were called in to ensure the area was safe to clean up after chemicals were found. The area was pronounced safe and the water was cleaned up.

SUNDAY

12:29 A.M.

James Carroll of New Providence, N.J., was arrested for disorderly conduct with persistence and told if he returned to campus, he would be charged with criminal trespass after getting into a physical altercation with a female student.

12:36 A.M.

Patrick Moran of Westlake, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence. He was found slumped over in a chair and "had urinated in his pants and threw up all over his cot, floor and himself." Moran was also transported to Wood County Hospital.

2:28 A.M.

A male student who was found in the bathroom of Kreischer Ashley was transported to Wood County Hospital after allegedly being assaulted.

3:06 P.M.

A purse was reported stolen from Uptown bar the previous night around 2 a.m.

ONLINE: Go to bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

In the Oct. 3 issue of The BG News, "Weird laws for a quiet town" incorrectly stated bicycles can only be used on paved surfaces not designated for pedestrians. According to the American Legal Publishing Corporation, bicycles are not permitted on sidewalks within Bowling Green's business district, but are permitted on sidewalks outside of the business district while yielding to pedestrians.

ABC

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Producer Bob Wheelock said.

The nine-day tour has already stopped in Florida and Dayton, continues on through Michigan and Wisconsin and concludes Oct. 10 in Iowa.

So far, the reactions have been nothing but terrific, Wheelock said. He hopes for the same results in the Bowling Green and future destinations.

In addition to broadcasting in Bowling Green, Gibson will also be a guest lecturer for a political science course this morning.

"Voter turnout among college students in Ohio and other key battleground states could make the difference between an Obama victory or a McCain victory in November," said Associate Professor Melissa Miller, who will have Gibson talk to her BGeXperience class tonight during the debate.

ABC News chose to bring

"Stopping in local towns, you get less of a filter on people in barbershops and diners as opposed to interviews in the studios."

Bob Wheelock | Producer

Gibson into Miller's class based on it being all first-year students and revolving around in-depth discussions of issues pertaining to government and politics, Miller said.

After the broadcast, Gibson, along with 12 selected students, will have a private question and answer session in the Union after the second presidential debate is shown at 9 p.m.

Any and all students, faculty, staff, citizens and visitors can attend the broadcast, but political signs and radical behavior will not be allowed, said David Kielmeier, senior communications director who helped organize tonight's events.

"This is a very unique and a great opportunity," Kielmeier said. "This is certainly the most significant broadcast Bowling Green has had in the last 25 years."

Wheelock and his crew want to go outside of hearing what pollsters have to say and really listen to voices in small towns.

"Stopping in local towns, you get less of a filter on people in barbershops and diners as opposed to interviews in the studios," he said.

An ABC News crew stopped on campus Sept. 22 to interview editors of The BG News, Miller and other students. The footage will air during tonight's 6:30 ABC broadcast.

STOCKS

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ket's pullback had been severe enough to force the Federal Reserve into taking other steps to soothe the markets helped stocks rebound from their lows.

"If you can't say that we're oversold now I don't know what you say. You're at least due for a bounce if nothing else," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist for PNC Wealth Management.

The global plunge in stocks was under way well before Wall Street ever woke up. In Japan, the Nikkei average lost more than 4 percent. And then the losses spread across Europe — nearly 6 percent for the FTSE-100 in Britain, 7 percent for the German DAX and more than 9 percent for France's CAC-40.

In the United States, President Bush twice made unscheduled

remarks on the economy, saying in Cincinnati that the economy would be "just fine" but that the bailout package needed time to work.

The troubles that started with an overheated housing market in the U.S. have infected financial markets around the world, making banks fearful of lending to other banks, let alone to businesses and consumers. That has led to worries that economies around the world might not only sputter but slide into reverse.

The crash of selling yesterday came exactly one week after the Dow lost 778 points, its biggest closing loss in terms of points. On that day, the House voted down an earlier bailout package that had appeared to be a safe bet to pass.

The swings in the Dow yesterday also marked the beginning of a fourth week of tumult in the markets. Triple-digit Dow swings have been commonplace since mid-September,

when investment house Lehman Brothers went bankrupt and the government stepped in to bail out insurer American International Group.

But even with the bailout package firmly in place — a plan under which the federal government will buy bad mortgage-related assets off the books of banks — investors remain worried that banks are too fearful to lend and are cutting off air to the economy.

Over the weekend, governments across Europe rushed to prop up failing banks, while the governments of Germany, Ireland and Greece also said they would guarantee bank deposits. U.S. investors appeared worried the bailout would not be enough to jumpstart the economy. Even other steps, including a Federal Reserve decision to expand a loan program to squeezed banks, didn't help much.

The sharp one-day tumbles over the last two Mondays don't come close

COUNCIL

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Last year the city used 2,100 tons, but in the past the average has been around 1,500 tons.

"I believe it will o.k., especially compared to other areas," Fawcett said. "Our main concern is that we don't want citizens to suffer on the road."

Public Works Director Brian Craft discussed a possible union between Bowling Green and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Bowling Green would give ODOT some road salt and in return the city would receive brine to pretreat the roads and help better protect them against ice and snow, Craft said.

In the long run, it will help conserve salt and help with the long term effects of the increase in the price for salt, Craft said.

Ordinance 7835 was adopted after its first reading. In it, Utilities Director Kevin

REFUND

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all; there is a limit to how much a student can borrow," Guzman said.

He said how much a student can borrow is all based on a federal formula.

"Simplified, cost of attendance minus the amount of the expected family contribution, equals financial need," Guzman said. "You can't exceed the cost of attendance."

Maynard is now authorized to enter into a purchase agreement for just under 24 acres of land near East Wooster Street and Interstate 75.

City At-Large City Council member Robert McComber said the property was received at fair market value.

Also approved was the 2009 budget for the Parks and Recreation Department.



BUSH

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Obama wins the White House, since his colleagues in the Senate would simply wait for him to be inaugurated and come up with his own list of

nominees.

Bush criticized the Senate for the "ruthlessness that now characterizes the confirmation process." He urged the Senate to take partisanship out of the process and end "tricks and gimmicks" such as demanding that all election-year nominees

be consensus choices.

Democrats say they have confirmed a total of 326 of Bush's judicial nominees, and that just 26 are pending now. They note that at the end of the Clinton administration with Republicans in charge of the Senate, there were 63 circuit

and district court vacancies, far higher than the vacancy rate now.

"As the stock market continues its precipitous drop, for some strange reason he feels the need to give one more speech criticizing the Senate for not confirming judges?" said Jim Manley, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "Yeah — that is just what the country needs right now. The fact is, Democrats have been much fairer to these nominees than Republicans ever were."

Bush spoke before about 700 conservative legal scholars, judges, students and activists. Speaking in their language, and to applause and even some 'amens,' Bush said the definition of a good judge is one who does not use the court to "invent laws or dictate social policy" and who believes that the Constitution "means what it says" and "is an enduring document." This code for the conservative approach to the role of a judge compares with the more liberal view that judges must have latitude to view the Constitution as a "living document."

The issue of a president who would appoint judges who strictly interpret the Constitution is one of the more energizing topics for that key GOP voting block.

Bush did not mention presidential rivals Obama and John McCain, the Republican nominee, but he singled out the two

Supreme Court justices he nominated — John Roberts and Samuel Alito — as "outstanding judges." Obama voted against both of them. Bush touted the changes in narrow Supreme Court decisions since Roberts and Alito joined the court, citing, for example, recent 5-4 decisions that upheld a ban on a late-term abortion procedure and citizens' Second Amendment rights.

"Our founders gave the judicial branch enormous power," Bush said. "It is the only branch of government whose officers are unelected. That means judges on the federal bench must exercise their power prudently — cautiously — you might even say, conservatively. And that means that the selection and confirmation of good judges should be a high priority for every American."

He spoke on the first Monday of October, which is dictated by law to be the beginning of the Supreme Court's new term. And his appearance came in Ohio, a crucial battleground state. No Republican has ever won the presidency without winning Ohio.

Ohio voted for Bush, and now almost every Electoral College calculation concludes McCain must hold it to beat Obama. And yet, polls show McCain virtually tied or trailing there, along with several other important Bush states.



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Speaking up at USG

Members discussed the idea of a Student Bill of Rights at last night's meeting

By India Hunter
Reporter

The United States Constitution has a Bill of Rights and the Undergraduate Student Government believes students of the University should have one too.

During last night's general assembly meeting, USG Student Welfare Committee Chair Jon Dinan asked members what they would like to see included.

"There needs to be a Student Bill of Rights," Dinan said.

The idea for this document arose last year amid the whirlwind of confusion regarding meal plan rollover dollars.

Since that happened, the idea came about for some sort of document that would protect and inform students of their rights, Dinan said.

In light of the various administration changes this year, Senator Lauren Biksacky said she would like to see something about students having a say in filling staff vacancies in this new Bill of Rights.

"I think it should be mandatory that at least one student be on one of the committees that hires new administrators and faculty," Biksacky said.

USG President John Waynick suggested possibly including a section that would make it mandatory for administrators to warn students about any type of price increase of a service or anything else along those lines. Waynick said there should be an established time frame for administrators to tell students this information.



John Waynick
USG President

Additionally, Waynick requested that every USG member go back and ask their peers what issues they would like to see included in the Bill of Rights.

"I encourage all of you to take this back to your constituents," Waynick said.

Another senator advocated collaborating with other University organizations in creating this new Bill of Rights.

"If we're going to do this, then we should definitely collaborate with GSS," Off-Campus Senator Rob Emmelhainz said.

Dinan emphasized that the Bill of Rights is only in the early stages.

"This is in the very beginning stages and I'm just looking for ideas to include in this document," Dinan said. "There are still a lot of people to talk to about this."

Other USG members suggested more efficient ways to handle the Bill of Rights proposal.

"I think we should have a committee involved in this," Senator-At-Large Leo Almeida said.

Dinan also clarified that the Bill of Rights would not be an extension of the current Student Code of Conduct.

"The Bill of Rights would be a completely different document in which we would work closely with University administrators," Dinan said.

CELEBRITY MAGICIAN HAS COMEDIC TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE



BEN LOHMAN | THE BG NEWS

VOILA! Stage volunteer Katie checks magician Derek Hughes' mouth for her missing playing card. The magician and comedian had the crowd rolling in laughter and amazement last night in the Union Ballroom.

U of M tries to rally last minute voters

By Julie Rowe
U-Wire

Previously barred from canvassing in the dorms by University of Michigan policy, the College Democrats held a last-ditch voter registration effort in most campus residence halls.

With the deadline to register to vote for next month's presidential election at midnight Monday, about 40 members of the group met at the union to get clipboards and registration forms.

The group wasn't allowed to coordinate canvasses in the dorms because of the university's solicitation policy, said Nathaniel Eli Coats Styer, chairman of College Democrats at Michigan. The university is prohibited from using public resources to support or oppose a political candidate by state and federal laws.

"It wasn't that it was banned before," he said. "It was that it was a gray area."

The group has encouraged its members who live in residence halls to talk to their neighbors about Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama and help them register to vote, but the group had never held a coordinat-

ed canvassing effort before. The College Dems registered about 60 people in two hours last night.

Before, the only group allowed to register voters in the residence halls was Voice Your Vote, a non-partisan commission of the Michigan Student Assembly. Voice Your Vote's access to the residence halls was temporarily restricted last week after Housing officials reported accusations of partisanship amongst members of the MSA-sponsored group.

Styer said a decision to allow the College Democrats to canvass the dorms was made after members from the group and lawyers for the Obama campaign met with representatives from the Housing Office and the Office of the General Counsel. He said the attorneys argued that allowing the College Democrats to carry out campaign efforts in the dorms didn't conflict with the university's requirement to refrain from endorsing or opposing candidates.

Styer said an Obama lawyer notified him of the decision, adding that the university would notify residence hall staff early this week.

University Housing officials could not be reached

"It wasn't that it was banned before. It was that it was a gray area."

Nathaniel Styer | UM College Dems

for comment.

Before volunteers for the College Democrats were allowed to canvass last night, senior Sam Marvin, who coordinates the group's residence hall outreach, explained voter registration law and how to fill out forms.

Marvin said an agreement reached between the housing office and College Democrats required the group to follow the same rules as Voice Your Vote: All volunteers had to wear nametags and carry their MCards, they couldn't approach students with "no solicitation" signs on their doors and they couldn't canvass after 10 p.m.

Unlike Voice Your Vote, though, College Democrats volunteers are only allowed to canvass in their own dorms, Marvin said. That is, residents of Markley Hall are only allowed to knock on doors in Markley.

AlcoholEdu used to combat binge drinking

By Valerie Cason
U-Wire

The legal drinking age movement, called the Amethyst Initiative, began recruiting college presidents more than a year ago to incite national debate about the U.S. drinking age.

Presidents from schools such as Duke, Dartmouth, Syracuse, Tufts, Colgate, Kenyon and Morehouse, Ohio State and others are calling on lawmakers to consider lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18, claiming current laws encourage dangerous binge drinking on campuses.

Delynn Wilcox, coordinator for Health Planning and Prevention Services at the University of Alabama, works with the Department of Health Promotion and Wellness at the Student Health Center and said the issue of binge drinking is one all college campuses face.

"Research shows the drinking style of many college students today is one of excess and intoxication, sometimes to the point of dangerous, life threatening blood alcohol con-

centration levels and alcohol poisoning," she said.

Wilcox said approximately 25 percent of college students report missing class, falling behind, scoring poorly on exams and a lower overall GPA due to the consequences of their drinking.

"I would like see students who choose to drink becoming more aware of how much alcohol they are consuming — for students to make healthier decisions about alcohol and other drug use," Wilcox said. "Our primary goal is for students to be safe, healthy and academically successful."



GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

V3: Variations in Vision & Video

Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center

8-9 p.m.

The Cowboy Astronomer

112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Exhibit #3: "Collection I"

130 and 131 Union - Gallery Space

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Muslim Student Association Prayer Room

204 Olscamp

10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Talent Show Ticket Sales

Union Table Space

12-1 p.m.

Weight Watchers at Work

316 Union

1-2 p.m.

Community Partnership Forum Wood County Historical Society

201 University Hall

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Am I Ready For Break?

201A Union - Sky Bank Room

7:30 p.m.

Tues. Night Film Series: Ann Arbor Film Festival

Gish Theater, Hanna Hall

8:00 p.m.

College Democrats

095 Overman Hall

8-11 p.m.

Debate Watch Students and Faculty

202 Union - Lenhart Grand Ballroom

9:15 p.m.

Panhellenic New Member Pinning

228 Union - Multipurpose Room

DIGITAL COPYRIGHT SAFEGUARDS

a proactive approach to peer-to-peer and digital copyright issues at **BGSU**

- The following multi-faceted strategy is in place to educate students on issues surrounding DMCA as well as measures to help enforce proper use of information technology.

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www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/firstyear/page18306.html

...For All

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...For All Technical Safeguards

On October 10, 2008 a new technology will be implemented that will allow legal use of peer to peer (P2P) at BGSU while detecting attempts to obtain copyrighted content in violation of the DMCA. Examples of P2P software include, but are not limited to: BitTorrent, Gnutella, and LimeWire. When a computer is determined to be using P2P to obtain illegal copyright materials or using an evasive P2P client, a preventative technical safeguard will be implemented. For more information, see www.bgsu.edu/dmca-safeguards

Web Resources regarding Digital Copyright Safeguards may be found at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/dmca-safeguards>

FORUM

"Our main concern is that we don't want citizens to suffer on the road."
— John Fawcett, Municipal Administrator,
on the need for salt on the roads [see story, pg. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET Why should you be on ABC News?



"I think everybody should be on ABC News."
RAY BUCHANAN, Senior, Graphic Design



"I don't want to be on ABC News."
ANDREW SPIESS, Sophomore, Creative Writing



"To tell them how good the University is."
ASHLEY SMITH, Freshman, Undecided



"I have personality and I stay on top of the debates."
MIKE MOYER, Senior, Applied Health Science

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Our two-party system missing out on Constitution

ANDREA WADSWORTH | GUEST COLUMNIST

Recent columnist Levi Joseph Wonder wrote that there are many issues affecting this year's presidential election.

For those voters attempting to find a candidate that fits their beliefs and values, this may indeed be true. However, I am looking for something else in a candidate, something I haven't found in the two party system.

"What else is there to look for?" you might wonder. "The Constitution!" I say.

A multi-party system first formed back in the young days of this country, over controversy as to how to interpret the Constitution. Should the federal government have more power? Should the states have most of their own power? This debate has raged on over the years, though, it is my opinion that both parties have drifted away from what our Founders originally intended for our government.

Take, for example, the recent bailout bill that was passed with bipartisan support which, "provides authority to the Treasury Secretary to restore liquidity and stability to the US financial system, and to ensure the economic well-being of Americans."

Interesting. Is it really the government's job to ensure the well-being of all Americans? Let us see what the Constitution had to say on the topic. "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare."

Okay, stop. It speaks of promoting the general welfare of the people, but in no way does it state that it is the government's duty to ensure economic stability. For that matter, nowhere does it say that the federal government's job is to ensure affordable housing for all, which is a good part of what got us into this mess in the first place.

I'm certainly not saying that the bailout bill wasn't necessary; actually, I really believe that we would have been in deep trouble had it not passed. But, this bill will only be putting a band-aid on a gaping wound if nothing is done to change our way of thinking. This reveals deeper issues, ones which won't be solved if we do not consider them. How exactly does each candidate view our Constitution?

"Before you get to thinking that an independent party is a 'throwaway vote,' I don't believe that any vote is wasted. Every single vote placed works to send a message, and speaks to what every American believes in."

Yes, it is flexible. If it weren't, slavery would still be permissible and women would not be guaranteed the right to vote. But in my humble opinion, both parties have long overstepped their bounds. This has had far reaching economic and social implications, and I can't help but wonder if our Founding Fathers are turning over in their graves right about now. James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, said of the document during its drafting phase, "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined." Untold thousands of American citizens have died defending our great and beautiful country, made unique by the masterpiece known as our Constitution. Are they to have died in vain for our country to become something other than what it was intended?

What is there to do, then? I encourage you to look into the platforms of independent parties. I am beginning to look into the Constitution party. Although I don't agree with some of their beliefs, we agree on my number one issue — respect for the Constitution. Before you get to thinking that an independent party is a "throwaway vote," I don't believe that any vote is wasted. Every single vote placed works to send a message, and speaks to what every American believes in. What will your vote say you believe in? I know what I want mine to say. "Long live the Constitution!"

—Wadsworth is a Senior majoring in Biology. Respond to her at thenews@bgnews.com.



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The disappearing game: the College Republicans remain unseen this election



SEAN LUTZMANN
COLUMNIST

If you haven't noticed, there's a bit of a publicity gap on this campus between the student organizations, College Republicans and College Democrats. Other than the Sept. 11 remembrance event and having a table at the Union for a few days, activities marketing the GOP brand have been few and far between.

Even on this Forum page, it's pretty difficult to find a voice defending the McCain campaign on campus from the criticisms it faces from the leftist columnists.

Before you jump to conclusions, it's not because our editors are anti-conservative Communists. They don't require potential columnists to pass an ideological litmus test, discarding those whose sample columns indicate a low pH of liberalism. (If you're a Chemistry major, you'll understand the reference.)

Compare this to the activities from liberal groups like FREEDOM, College Democrats and the local campaign Headquarters of the Obama-Biden Campaign (121 E. Court St. in case you're wondering). Odds are you've run into at least one of us bugging you to either register,

or offering you a free shuttle bus ride to vote early at the Board of Elections. And just this past Saturday the Obama campaign had "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane and "Friday Night Lights" star Adrienne Palicki speak about the importance of students being registered to vote for the Obama-Biden ticket.

As a proud partisan member of the College Democrats, I'm a little disappointed with my conservative counterparts. To be frank, it's not as fun. In fact it's boring, without the strong Republican balance. But I think there might be some interesting reasons behind the perceived absence.

The biggest reason is probably the same reason why College Democrats were less psyched about the 2004 election than they are about Sen. Barack Obama. In 2004, College Democrats loathed George W. Bush with a fiery passion (still do), but they were only lukewarm towards their own candidate, John Kerry. They had a lot of motivation to trash the opposition candidate, but not as much for their own candidate.

Now in 2008, College Republicans are pretty disgusted with Obama while at the same time they are also lukewarm (or worse) about the candidate they're supposed to be supporting.

Most College Republicans that I have had the privilege to talk to either supported Romney,

Huckabee or Fred Thompson. To put it mildly, they're a little disappointed with McCain and his tendencies to work and actually (horror of horrors) compromise with Democrats in the Senate to pass legislation on immigration and campaign finance reform.

Of course the more obvious reason behind their lack of publicity on campus could be the fact that they know where to pick their battles. Contesting the campaign on a college campus in the throes of Obama-mania may just seem futile. They may think that the smarter way to run a campaign in Northwest Ohio would be to avoid young people (especially college students) like the plague, and stick to the older population who may still have reservations towards voting into office a moderately liberal Democrat (and a bi-racial one, at that).

A far more unlikely reason — though not impossible — could be that the young base of the Republican Party and principled conservative students in general don't feel like spending time on a losing cause that doesn't reflect their principles exactly. It is becoming increasingly clear, through numerous polls taken in recent weeks, that with the economic collapse being blamed on the party of President Bush, the electoral map looks extremely hostile to the idea of a McCain victory come November. According to

RasmussenReports.com, swing states everywhere from Ohio and Florida to Colorado and even North Carolina are beginning to lean consistently towards Obama.

I believe some of this is due to some former Hillary Clinton supporters who have recently turned to supporting Obama, but were undecided until they saw the lack-luster performance of Gov. Sarah Palin in the vice presidential debate.

Though this may make Obama supporters feel relieved that their candidate has a better than average shot at taking the White House, caution should be given to the election's Democratic victors. With complete control of the government likely come Jan. 20, the full burden of failing to fix a dismal economy and managing a damaged foreign policy will be put squarely on the shoulders of the party in power.

The buck will no longer be able to be passed to a rancher in Crawford, Texas — and if the Democrats fail to make progress after so many years of control, the electorate may turn sharply to the Right in search for solutions, much as it had done in the 1980s.

And we all know how well that turned out.

—Respond to Sean at thenews@bgnews.com.

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Casinos, gambling a main concern for Ohioans come Nov.

By Matt Reed
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Depending on who's doing the talking — or whose ads are currently on your television — three state ballot issues would either create jobs or leave even more Ohioans without work.

Voters on Nov. 4 will decide whether to allow casino gambling and whether the state should finance conservation of natural open spaces and the environmental revitalization of other lands. A state issue to decide the fate of Ohio's new payday lending law was still pending in early October.

Ohio has said no to an expansion of statewide gambling three times since 1990 but has also lost thousands of manufacturing jobs and in August registered its highest unemployment rate in 16 years.

Issue 6 would amend the state constitution to allow a \$600 million casino resort in southwest Ohio. Supporters are counting on voters to think more about the state's economic troubles and less about their recent opposition to casinos and gambling.

MyOhioNow.com, a group of Cleveland-area developers waging the pro-casino campaign, says the resort would create up to 5,000 jobs in an area of the state that could lose 10,000 jobs at an air park in Wilmington and an auto plant in the Dayton area.

"It's brick-and-mortar," said Rick Lertzman of MyOhioNow.com. "These jobs can't be outsourced. They can't be sent away to China."

Lakes Entertainment Inc., a Minnetonka, Minn.-based American Indian casino developer, has pumped nearly \$2.7 million into the pro-casino cam-

"These jobs can't be outsourced. They can't be sent to China."

Rick Lertzman | MyOhioNow.com

paigned, state campaign finance filings show.

The proposal says all 88 counties would get a share of the casino money, promoted as \$211 million a year. And MyOhioNow.com argues that the state needs a casino so that residents spend gambling money here instead of in surrounding states.

A television ad underscoring that argument features four people who personify Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Each says thanks to Ohioans for carrying their casino dollars across state lines.

Opponents say little-noticed language in Issue 6 means counties would receive just zero to 25 percent of revenue if an additional casino enters Ohio through state or federal law.

"It's a nice bait-and-switch they are pulling on county commissioners to promise the money up front," said Melanie Elsey, legislative director of the conservative think tank Ohio Roundtable. "But there's a very real probability that that money will disappear if tribal casinos are opened."

Penn National Gaming Inc., owner of the Argosy casino in Sioux City, Ind., and Raceway Park in Toledo, is funding an opposition campaign but fundraising totals had not been disclosed by early October. Penn potentially stands to lose money if Ohio customers no longer need to go to Indiana to visit a casino.

More early voters were expected

By Stephen Majors
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A weeklong period in which Ohioans could register to vote and immediately cast a ballot ended yesterday with a turnout that didn't quite match the expectations of election officials — or the partisan rhetoric that preceded it.

Early returns showed about 3,000 voters in Ohio's four largest counties took advantage of the disputed policy, a surprisingly low turnout to some elections officials.

The window was expected to benefit Democrat presidential candidate Barack Obama, as his campaign and advocacy groups drove Democratic-leaning demographics such as the homeless, college students and low-income voters to the polls.

Through Sunday, 1,152 voters had taken advantage of the policy in Franklin County, which includes Columbus. In Montgomery County, home to Dayton, roughly 250 people had used it. And in Hamilton County, where Cincinnati is located, about 454 voters had taken advantage of the window by midday yesterday.

"With all the hoopla we were anticipating a whole lot more," said Montgomery County Board of Elections Director Steve Harsman.

The Ohio GOP sued in federal court to stop the voting window, but was unsuccessful.

Republicans argued that Ohio law required voters to have been registered for at least 30 days before they could be given an absentee ballot. They said the window could lead to widespread voting fraud because officials wouldn't have an opportunity to verify registration information before ballots were cast.



WAITING: Hundreds of voters stand in line in the rain at the First Fellowship Church in Columbus, Ohio, 2004.

MARK DUNCAN | AP PHOTO

Rocking the Vote: Ohio counties change restrictions on voting to avoid lines on Nov. 4

By Stephen Majors
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Since the long voting lines of 2004, Ohio has removed restrictions on absentee voting. The state's largest county, Cuyahoga, has changed its voting system multiple times. Voters across the state now must show identification.

The state on Nov. 4 will help pick a president in another hard-fought race, four years after voters gave President Bush a second term.

In 2004, some voters wait-

ed hours to cast their ballots. Others — the true number is still a matter of dispute — simply gave up and went home before voting. Not all precincts had enough voting machines. The state's chief elections officer, Republican Ken Blackwell, was criticized for policies and his role in the Bush-Cheney campaign.

One of two voting machines in use in Gambier, home of Kenyon College, broke down, and students waited in line for hours.

A lot of work has been done to try to avoid long voting

lines, including the expansion of absentee balloting, said Peg Rosenfield, elections specialist with the League of Women Voters of Ohio. But new questions have been raised for the 2008 election, including whether the high rate of foreclosures will keep people from voting because of changed registration information.

"There are lots of concerns really circulating out there," Rosenfield said. "At this point nobody knows which ones are going to be serious and which ones are really just people worrying."

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BACK ON THE ICE

After exceeding expectations a year ago, BG's looking to move up

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

To say that the 2007-08 BG hockey team exceeded expectations would be an understatement.

The Falcons went from seven wins in 2006-07 to 18 victories last winter. They finished seventh in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and won a home playoff series for the first time since 1995.

But they lost several key parts from last year's team.

John Mazzei, Mike Nesdill and Derek Whitmore, who accumulated more than 25 percent of the team's points last season, have graduated.

Both of Scott Paluch's assistant

coaches took jobs elsewhere, with Doug Schueller becoming head coach at Saint John's University in Minnesota and Todd Reirden landing as an assistant with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the American Hockey League.

But Paluch hired two young assistants in Frank Novock, 32, and Dennis Williams, 29, who appear very enthusiastic about the program already.

And the team is returning 21 players compared to the five who graduated. That includes both starting goalies from last season in senior Jimmy Spratt and sophomore Nick Eno.

BG's defensive leadership is strong with captains Tim Maxwell (a senior) and Kyle Page (a junior) anchoring the blue line.

That pair will help to welcome six freshmen this year.

Plus, there's always the speed of the Falcons, with forwards like Jake Cepis, Todd McIlrath, Dan Sexton, David Solway, and Brandon Svendsen giving opponents fits with their quickness.

The 2008-09 Falcons will try to return the program to a glory not seen since 1987 when the team last won a CCHA championship. BG has not even been to the final round of league playoffs at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit since 2001.

"People can only say Bowling Green hockey has tradition for so long, you know?" Todd McIlrath said. "Every guy on our team wants to get back to that again."

MORE FALCONS TO WATCH

FORWARDS

Brandon Svendsen: The team's best penalty killer.
Todd McIlrath: Has 33 career points.
James McIntosh: Freshman has size and scoring ability.

DEFENSEMEN

Kevin Schmidt: Has 42 career points.
Nick Bailen: Freshman brings toughness and skill.

GOALIE

Nick Eno: Compiled a 12-10-0 record last season.

2008 SEASON GLANCE

Opening Game: Friday vs. RIT, 7:05 p.m.
BGSU Ice Arena

Team Captains: Defenders Tim Maxwell and Kyle Page.

Preseason Ranking: Ninth in CCHA Coaches' Poll.

Returning Players: 21

Newcomers: 6

Football notes: Falcons hope to rebound

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

After a tough 24-21 loss to Eastern Michigan on Homecoming, the BG football team is in the process of regrouping and getting ready for their next Mid-American Conference contest with Akron this Saturday.

Little things kill

In the EMU loss, the Falcons committed 10 penalties for 85 yards.

The penalties cost them a number of opportunities to build positive momentum and let the Eagles off the hook.

According to head coach Gregg Brandon, the penalties disrupted a number of drives.

"[There were] a lot of untimely mistakes," Brandon said. "Namely some penalties on the offense, some false starts that really killed drives. They didn't let drives get started, [There were] defensive off-sides and just stupid little things that, as a veteran team, we can't be doing that. We were very undisciplined Saturday which resulted in an inconsistent performance."

Time to cool down

In the press conference

Gregg Brandon

Will look for more consistency against Akron Saturday



Mid-American Conference

The Falcons are currently 0-1 in conference play



Falcons Team

Was whistled for 10 penalties during Saturday's loss

following the loss, Brandon alluded to switching some personnel on the field in the event that some of the ones in place couldn't get the job done.

Yesterday, he said his comment was a knee-jerk reaction to the disappointing outcome.

"You lose a tough one like that at home and you want to start blaming people," Brandon said.

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BG News reporter tries out for hockey team

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

I was able to take a step down from the press box and into the crease of Bowling Green Ice Arena when BG held their annual walk-on tryouts yesterday.

Arriving at the arena, it was obvious that this open tryout was either poorly publicized or there aren't many BGSU students with the backbone to step onto the ice. In addition to myself there were two other students trying out, one skater and another goalie like myself.

Following the signing of a waiver I was given 20 minutes to get ready for a 2:30 ice time. Assistant coach Dennis Williams ran drills as he started with a quick warm-up drill forcing me to go side to side and stay square to the puck.

Division 1 hockey is fast and in the first drill I learned how fast the coaches expected me to be. While going side to side, I thought I was going at a decent pace, however Williams began to yell, "faster, faster," and then promptly put the puck in the net.

The next couple drills were



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CHECK THE BLOG: Log on to bgnewssports.com for a video of Sean's day.

similar with Williams and the lone skater firing pucks from different angles and situation. Following the stationary shooting gallery Williams instituted a moving array of shots including breakaways and three puck

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Women's soccer ties Ohio, downs Akron over weekend

By Jordan Cravens
Reporter

The BG women's soccer team has been officially dubbed "road-warriors."

Having lost only one match in a five-game road stand, BG Coach Andy Richards believes the term to be well-deserved for the team, which has delivered shutout performances in four out of the five matches.

Battling Ohio to a double-overtime 0-0 draw on Friday and picking up a 2-0 victory against Akron on Sunday, BG sits comfortably in the upper half of Mid-American conference standings at 2-1-1.

"We're not far off a great record right now; we are very happy

Alexa Arsenault

BG goalie didn't allow a goal over the weekend



with the way things are going," Richards said.

"We were a little bit disappointed on Friday, but the width of the cross bar and the width of the post kept us from being 3-1," he said, in reference to the missed scoring opportunities, which translated into a disappointing outcome against Ohio.

"I think in being honest with

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TOUGH BREAKS: The BG men's soccer team had a decent start to the season, but has now lost its last four matches in a row and has had trouble scoring goals.

Men's soccer has a tough weekend on the road, loses 2-0 to Hartwick

By Jason Jones
Reporter

The men's soccer team traveled to Oneonta, New York, this past Saturday for a meeting with the Hartwick Hawks to open Mid American Conference play. Unfortunately for the Falcons though, this game was mostly more of the same.

The Falcons once again found themselves playing from behind, having to listen to what has become a season long "play catch-up" echo for the team who has now only scored first in one of its first 10 games.

"We fought back, but couldn't get the finishing touch we needed."

Fred Thompson | BG men's soccer coach

"We fought back, but couldn't get the finishing touch we needed," head coach Fred Thompson said.

The 2-0 loss marks the Falcons' fourth straight game without a victory. Just a little over two weeks ago the team was on the verge of taking off, when they had a chance to make it four in a row and push their record to 4-3-0. They lost to Saint Francis instead,

and have not had success in the win column since.

They have seen their bright spots though. Jacob Lawrence emerged as a key weapon offensively, even though he's a defenseman. Also, goalie Paul Shoemaker had a streak of two games where he notched two assists and a goal.

These two incidents are positives for this Falcons team, but a look closer could reveal that



Paul Shoemaker
Had two assists and a goal in a two-game stretch

they are also the problems, as the offense has still accounted for only five of the team's eleven goals on the year.

"We know that every MAC game will be tough," Thompson said.

On Saturday Thompson's team will meet nationally ranked Akron, as they look to pull off an upset and get back in the win column.

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TRYOUT

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drills.

It was on the breakaway drills that I made my best save of the tryout session. A forward skated in from left to right and I was able to make a solid diving poke check separating the player from the puck.

Throughout the rest of the tryout session I was able to make several solid saves and had a better tryout than expected.

Unfortunately, I was never able to skate against the actual BG team so I still don't know how my skill level compares directly to that of starting BG goalie Jimmy Spratt. After around 40 minutes on the ice Williams called all three walk-on candidates around the net and told us the unfortunate news.

No invitation to join the 2008-09 BG hockey team was extended to my expectation and dismay. According to Williams it was a numbers thing and with three goalies on the roster the chance of making the team was unlikely before I even



ETHAN MAGOC | THE BG NEWS

WHAT IF: Sean never did get to test his skills against members of the team.

stepped on the ice.

However, Williams did tell all three walk-ons to keep their grades up and that in case something happened and we might get a call back.

God forbid injuries hit BG, I'll be ready to take someone's place in net.

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"The kids played hard and we had a chance at the end to win the game."

He added, "That's the thing. You say it's Eastern Michigan. So what." It's a MAC team and at the end of the game, we had a chance to win the game and we didn't get it done. They made one more play than we did."

Regrouping

After such a difficult loss at home, it will be important for the Falcons to work on cutting down on penalties and rediscover some of the offensive continuity that was displayed during the win at Wyoming.



Akron Zips

Are currently 1-1 in conference play this season

Brandon said it's important for the team to realize that the rest of the MAC is gunning for them and that intensity has to remain high every game the rest of the season.

"It doesn't matter who we play," Brandon said. "We've got to show up with the same intensity if we're playing Pitt or Boise or whomever in this league. The difference is, in the MAC, there is a familiarity because you see the teams year-in and year-out. They've got a book on you, you've got a book on them."

Seven NFL teams could be in some trouble after losses

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

The Indianapolis Colts were handed a game by the Houston Texans on Sunday.

It was a much-needed win, but it may not matter. Just five weeks into the 2008 season, the 2006 champs are in trouble. It's not just their 2-2 record that leaves them two games behind unbeaten Tennessee in the AFC South, but the way they are playing: badly.

Six other teams that began the season with high hopes are already in deep holes: San Diego and Jacksonville in the AFC; Seattle, Philadelphia, Green Bay and Minnesota in the NFC, with the Vikings (1-3) playing in New Orleans yesterday night.

Some are using the "it's early" theme, pointing to the New York Giants' climb from an 0-2 start to a title last season. But every season is different, and it's unwise to use the example of last year's Giants or the 2005 Steelers, who won the Super Bowl after opening 6-5.

"There are any number of statistical analyses of teams that have started this bad and still done OK, but those don't mean much unless you improve the product, and what you're doing on the field," Seattle's Mike Holmgren acknowledged after those same Giants pounded his Seahawks 44-6 on Sunday, outgaining them 523-187.



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GLUE HANDS: Indy's Reggie Wayne hauls in an incredible one-handed TD catch.

The Seahawks have the same thing going for them they've had the past few seasons: the NFC West, where even at 1-3 they are only 13 games behind the inconsistent Cardinals. But Seattle played Sunday more like a team that would challenge the winless Rams for a spot at the bottom than one that can compete for its fifth straight division title and sixth straight playoff berth.

The struggling teams: —Indianapolis (2-2): The Colts have been one of the league's elite teams for most of this decade. Not this year.

"I thought we had that passion at the end. But it was missing during the middle of the game

and we've got to get that back somewhere," coach Tony Dungy said after Sunday's 31-27 win in Houston. Indy trailed 27-10 midway through the fourth quarter, cut it to 27-17 with 4:04 left, then capitalized on two fumbles and an interception by Texans QB Sage Rosenfels to pull out the win.

The Colts could be 0-4. They trailed only 15-0 in Minnesota late in the third quarter because young QB Tarvaris Jackson couldn't convert scoring opportunities into TDs. That allowed Peyton Manning, who can do what Jackson can't, to pull out an 18-15 victory.

Yes, Indianapolis has run off double-digit winning streaks in

the past and still has two games left with Tennessee. But the Colts can't get away with giving up more than 150 yards on the ground while waiting for injured safety Bob Sanders to return, as they did two years ago.

The offense, with the line banged up, just isn't as good. Age hits everyone and 36-year-old Marvin Harrison, coming off a knee injury that caused him to miss most of last season, is averaging only 9.6 yards a catch and doesn't seem to be in the rhythm with Manning as he has in past years.

—San Diego (2-3): Yes, the Chargers started 1-3 last season, finished 11-5 and made the AFC title game. There's talent enough to make the playoffs. But the defense is missing Shawne Merriman, one reason it ranks 28th in yards allowed and is last against the pass without the Pro Bowl linebacker to pressure opposing QBs.

LaDainian Tomlinson may be hitting that RB wall at 29: Hampered by a sore toe, he's averaging only 3.7 yards per carry, a yard less than last season and almost a yard off his career average.

—Jacksonville (2-3): Three games back of Tennessee in the AFC South and two Josh Scobee field goals from 0-5. Simple prob-

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Bengals' Lewis sticking with job despite team's poor start to season

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Marvin Lewis doesn't plan to leave one of the NFL's safest coaching jobs.

The Cincinnati Bengals coach said yesterday the team's worst start in six years hasn't diminished his commitment to getting it turned around. A 31-22 loss at Dallas left Lewis' team at the bottom of the league, the only one with an 0-5 record. Three other teams are 0-4.

It's a major slip from 2005, when Lewis led the Bengals to their only winning record and playoff appearance since 1991, when owner Mike Brown took over for his father.

"Yes, I am very committed to doing the right thing here," Lewis said, when asked if he planned to stay as head coach. "I honestly don't think anything has ever changed here. The commitment that I made five years ago here and [again] three years ago, two years ago, whenever, is that we'd see this thing all the way through and get us back to where we were."

No matter how bad it gets,



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COMMITTED: Bengals coach Marvin Lewis is trying to get win No. 1.

Lewis' job is one of the safest around. Two years ago, he got a contract extension through 2010, virtually a guarantee that he will be around that long unless he challenges the front office. That's how things work in Cincinnati.

Brown took control of the team after his father, Paul, died before the start of the 1991 sea-

son. The Bengals have been one of the NFL's worst franchises over that span, managing only one winning season. Even when things have been very bad, the head coach has felt secure.

It takes more than a bad record to get a Bengals coach fired.

Sam Wyche led the Bengals to their second Super Bowl appearance in the 1988 season, losing to San Francisco. Then the Bengals slipped to 3-13 in 1991, and Wyche began questioning Brown's roster moves and lobbying for a bigger role in decision making.

Their differences came to a head at their annual end-of-the-season meeting, where they parted ways. Brown, who functions as the de facto general manager, said he had no intention of firing Wyche, who had two years left on his contract. Brown said that Wyche resigned during the meeting. Wyche insisted he was fired.

Three months later, they reached an agreement over the final \$1 million owed Wyche on his contract.

Browns hoping to fare better in regular season rematch with Giants

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

BEREA — The last time they played on a Monday night, the Cleveland Browns wore hideous brown pants unlikely to ever be seen again.

The fashion faux pas was hardly the most humiliating thing that happened.

The New York Giants made the Browns look silly on national TV.

"They embarrassed us," Cleveland linebacker Andra Davis said Monday. "So that's going to give us a little extra fire."

Back on Aug. 18, the defending Super Bowl champions scored 30 unanswered points in the first half — 16 in a span of 76 seconds — against the Browns in a preseason game. Cleveland (1-3) lost quarterback Derek Anderson to a concussion and four other starters to injuries



MARK DUNCAN | AP PHOTO

MONDAY NIGHT WOES: In their last appearance on Monday Night Football during the preseason, the New York Giants easily defeated the Cleveland Browns.

that night and haven't been the same team since.

Now coming off their bye week and as healthy as they've been in a month, the Browns face a daunting Monday night rematch

with the Giants, who improved to 4-0 on Sunday with a 44-6 win over the Seattle Seahawks.

Davis grimaced as he recalled Cleveland's prime-time debut dud in 2008.

Bobby Engram, were back Sunday and the Seahawks still were non-competitive against what is currently the NFL's best team. Beyond that, the Seahawks' only win was over St. Louis, which might lose to everyone this season, and they have lost to San Francisco at home, where they were 32-8 from 2003-2007.

—Green Bay (2-3): Injuries. Defensive lineman Cullen Jenkins is out for the season and cornerback Al Harris is out indefinitely, meaning the Packers are without two top defenders. The other cornerback, Charles Woodson, is playing with a broken toe, and safety Atari Bigby didn't play in Sunday's 27-24 loss to Atlanta.

Then there's Aaron Rodgers, who played Sunday with a sore shoulder and threw for 313 yards and three touchdowns. It was obvious at times the shoulder bothered him, but he carried on. Why didn't the Packers at least sign a veteran backup in the off-season? The one positive: Chicago is only a game ahead, and the Bears, while decent, are clearly beatable.

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ourselves and looking back, we should have won that game." "We had some good chances ... we just didn't have enough to get the winning goal."

But the unlucky outcome for BG on Friday translated into a welcomed irony on Sunday when a couple of Akron's shots banked off the cross bars.

One play in particular however, was not left up to luck.

In the 35th minute of play against the Zips, goalkeeper Alexa Arseneault was able to make a save on a penalty kick against Akron's top-scorer.

"That was the game-changing moment."

"We always talk to the team about how goals change

games, so saving that goal — it really was a game-defining moment."

Defensive shutouts have come frequently for the Falcons' this year, holding opponents scoreless in nine out of 13 games thus far.

"It has become something that we have come to take great pride in," Richards said of the shutouts.

He credited not only goal-keeping efforts and the defensive back four, but team defense overall for the shutouts.

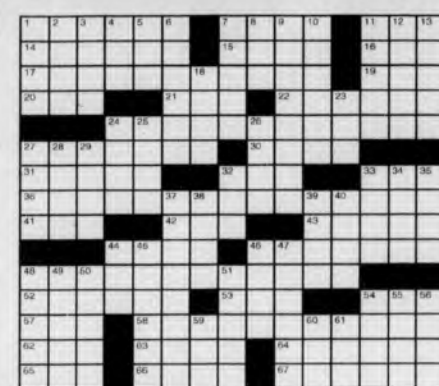
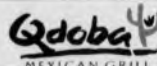
As in all games, offensive production was equally vital in Sunday's victory.

Gina Rossi and Alicia Almond, neither of who started the match, were able to net second half goals in the match.

"It shows a little bit of the depth we have," Richards said.

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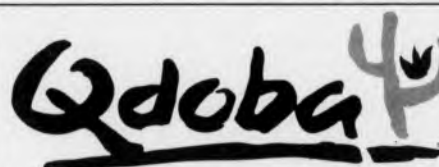


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lem: three starters hurt in the middle of the offensive line, so the Jags can't run, which is their preferred mode. Fred Taylor is averaging 3.4 yards per carry compared to 5.4 last season, and he's 32. Not being able to run puts more pressure on David Garrard and his so-so receivers. Garrard has four interceptions in five games, one more than he had in 12 starts last season.

—Seattle (1-3): The Seahawks have been outscored 78-16 by the Bills and Giants in games that started at 1 p.m. EDT, or 10 a.m. Seattle time. San Diego had to do the same in Miami on Sunday and lost. It's a problem that West Coast teams have been complaining about for years, especially when they've had to make multiple East Coast trips in the same season — the Seahawks have four of them this year.

But the issues go beyond that and beyond injuries. The missing receivers, Deion Branch and

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